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**From:** Sayles, Gregory  
**Sent:** Fri 8/14/2015 6:54:44 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: remote sensing response to Gold King Mine spill into the Animas River

You spoke with Blake earlier this week, right?

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**From:** "Orme-Zavaleta, Jennifer" <Orme-Zavaleta.Jennifer@epa.gov>  
**Date:** August 14, 2015 at 2:07:40 PM EDT  
**To:** "Sayles, Gregory" <Sayles.Gregory@epa.gov>, "Kavlock, Robert" <Kavlock.Robert@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: remote sensing response to Gold King Mine spill into the Animas River

See below and let me know what you think

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**From:** Neale, Anne  
**Sent:** 8/14/2015 14:01  
**To:** Orme-Zavaleta, Jennifer; McDonald, Michael E.  
**Subject:** FW: remote sensing response to Gold King Mine spill into the Animas River

Hi Jennifer and Mike,

You may already have spoken to Blake or others but Taylor brings up a really great point about remote sensing capabilities.

Annie

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**From:** Jarnagin, Taylor

**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 1:42 PM

**To:** Neale, Anne

**Subject:** remote sensing response to Gold King Mine spill into the Animas River

**Importance:** High

Hi Annie,

I think this is an excellent candidate for the use of remote sensing with a multispectral or hyperspectral sensor to identify and map the sediments from the Gold King Mine spill into the Animas River.

Our local talent includes: Blake Schaeffer and Drew Pilant (both of whom could analyze imagery) and David J. Williams (who is working on putting together a sensor just for this type of occasion, unfortunately, I don't think that sensor has been fully tested and is operation right now). The Environmental Photographic Interpretation Center existed for exactly this sort of emergency response capability and to act as a liaison between the contractors who would fly and analyze the imagery and the Regions who had the boots on the ground and were directly responsible for the clean-up.

Our current contact for the capability to do this is:

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